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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Gen Sir BRIAN ROBERTSON, British comdr in Germany: "The solution of the whole German problem depends more on freedom of election, of the press, speech and radio, than on anything else." 1-Q

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Brig Gen WALLACE GRAHAM, White House physician: "The Pres is as close to being an iron man as any one I know at his age." 2-Q

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Dr ABRAHAM STONE, pres, American Ass'n of Marriage Counselors: "The American family is not falling apart. It is simply changing. It has cut itself loose from old traditions but has not yet quite attached itself to new ones." 3-Q

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Dr EDWIN G NOURSE, gov't economist: "Prices continue downward, but not on a demoralized basis. We still have it in our power to make postwar readjustments and prevent a collapse." 4-Q

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ALFRED EDWARDS, British Mbr of Parliament, former Laborite: "The man who would still argue that socialism is the means of ridding our society of the defects of capitalism is blind." 5-Q

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ELMER DAVIS, radio news analyst, predicting television newscasting "in 2 yrs": "The main factor blocking perfecting of the television news medium now is an inability to have cameras at the spot where news breaks. When this difficulty is overcome, televi-

sion newscasting will attract major sponsors and radio news will be on its way out." 6-Q

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VIRGINIA MAYO, actress, replying to compliment by Sultan of Morocco that she was "most striking proof of God's existence": "It seems to me there are many other ways for proving God's existence." 7-Q

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Dr ROYAL LEE, pres, Lee Foundation for Nutritional Research: "A little raw meat every day would make us act a lot more like civilized persons and less like quarrelsome savages." 8-Q

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JAS L FLY, former chmn, FCC: "Absence of fear and freedom of ass'n will return to us as a working mechanism of our democracy if citizens can have the facts about the nature of the organizations they join." 9-Q

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LOUIS JOHNSON, Sec'y of Defense, commending Airlift personnel: "Undaunted by time and weather, working hr after hr, day and night, you have demonstrated to the world unified American nat'l defense in action. Your achievement takes its place beside the great American victories of all time." 10-Q

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Dr LEO L BERANEK, acoustics scientist, M I T, claiming American homes are inadequately sound-proofed: "Our world is rapidly becoming a world of noise . . . The home is invaded by traffic

noises, airplane noises, and, what is worse, the noise of one's neighbors at play or in battle." 11-Q

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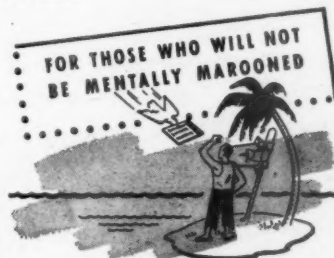
MIGNON MACLEAN, N Y dance instructress, commenting on popularity of "Meutschi Putz Di," Swiss folk dance (which, translated, means "Lassie, Go Wash Your Face"): "I'm not surprised at the trend to quieter dances. Folks are getting over their war neurosis. They've had enough jitterbugging and high living." 12-Q

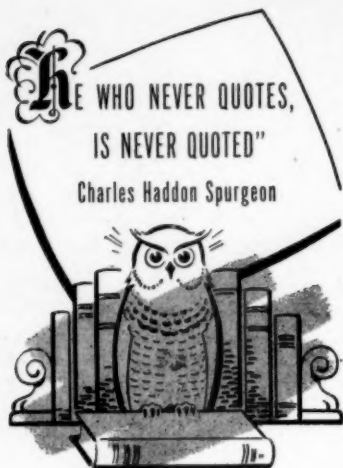
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"Voice of America" spokesman, as Britain and U S broke thru Soviet jamming of airwaves to carry West's version of Berlin blockade to Russian radio listeners: "We got thru on about 1/4 of our channels. BBC was clearly audible on 50% of its channels, at least for the 1st half of the 1st program." 13-Q

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Miss E M MEIN, of Edinburgh, Scotland, presiding at a British Women's Temperance Ass'n conf: "Drink is like an iceberg: only 1/7 if its effects are seen above the surface." 14-Q





#### ANGER—1

The late Eduard Benes,\* former Pres of Czechoslovakia, used to visit the Paris office of Burnett Hershey, the correspondent, who told him: "I've noticed that somehow you never seem to become angry. Why is that?"

"I am a short man, and short men must never become angry," repl'd Benes. "When a big man becomes enraged, it seems impressive. But when a little man gets angry and starts spluttering and fuming, he looks ridiculous and funny." — LEONARD LYONS, *Mag Digest*.

#### ART—Modern—2

What, in the era of old masters, might have been considered the germ of an idea, today hangs as a finished painting. — DOROTHY GRAFELY, *American Artist*.

#### ATOMIC BOMB—3

The (atom) bomb is described by the *Armed Forces Chemical Jnl* as about the size of a softball. Its weight is given at about 30 lbs. Present production is not far from a bomb a wk. One of the top U S atomic scientists, Dr J Rob't Oppenheimer, estimates that all-out

production could provide as many as 1,000 bombs in 2 yrs. Cost per bomb now is around \$1 million.—*U S News & World Report*.

#### BREVITY—4

At a cornerstone laying, Calvin Coolidge turned over a spadeful of earth and then remained silent. The gathering expected him to speak. After several min's of silence, the master of ceremonies suggested that a few words would be fitting.

Mr Coolidge looked over the upturned earth and commented: "That's a fine fishworm."—EDMUND FULLER, quoted in *Bright Spot*.

#### CENSORSHIP—5

The French Nat'l Assembly has created a censorship comm to review objectionable comic books, which, Communist mbrs were quick to point out, are imported from the U S.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

#### COMMUNISM—6

World War I delivered the 200 million people of Russia into the dictatorship of the communist party and World War II has already delivered 700 million more people into that same control. — JOHN FOSTER DULLES, *Missions*.

#### DETERMINATION—7

In 1831, from the Yankee capital of Boston, a disturbing new voice was heard in American politics. Wm Lloyd Garrison,\* writing in the 1st number of his wkly paper, the *Liberator*, demanded the total, unconditional, immediate abolition of American slavery. "On this subject," wrote Garrison, "I do not wish to think, or speak, or write, with moderation. No! No! Tell a man whose house is on fire, to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of the ravisher . . . but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present. I am in earnest—I will not equivocate—I will not excuse—I will not retreat a single inch—and I will

be heard!" — ROGER BUTTERFIELD, "The Yankee Abolitionist," *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 2-27-'49.

#### DISPLACED PERSONS—8

If a displaced person is a Roman Catholic his chances of getting out of a D P camp are 3 times as good as if he were a Protestant. If he is a Jew, his chances are even better than if he were a Catholic, and he may expect to be resettled this yr.—*Christian Century*.

#### EDUCATION—9

It's not textbooks we want, but students.—JEAN L AGASSIZ,\* naturalist.

#### EUROPE—10

There are some Americans who would like to push us (European nations) and prod us headlong into federation in a matter of mo's, quite forgetting that the federating process required 13 yrs even for the Thirteen Colonies, a far more homogeneous body than Europe with at least 13 languages and a heritage of hatred and conflict which only reached its climax 10 yrs ago.—Sir HAROLD BUTLER, "Europe Rising," *Fortnightly* (England), 4-'49.

#### EXPRESSION—11

A day isn't long enough for some persons to get rid of the dirty look they gave their alarm clock on getting up.—O A BATTISTA, *Everybody's Wkly*.

#### FLATTERY—12

Flattery, like cologne, should be inhaled deeply and enjoyed, but not swallowed.—*Chicago Tribune*.

#### FOOD—Rationing—13

A British woman, long conditioned to rationing, was visiting friends in the U S. One morning her hostess began complaining bitterly about the price of eggs—they were 90¢ a doz at the time. Soothingly the British visitor repl'd,

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"But, really dear, that isn't too bad. What's 90¢ spread over 3 mo's?"—WINSTON CHURCHILL.

#### GENIUS—14

It was a gala night, but the audience was apathetic. And then a terrible catastrophe befell the violinist. In the middle of a performance, the E string snapped. Clawing furiously at the instrument, the artist deliberately broke the A and D strings. While the audience held its breath, the black-browed violinist strode recklessly to the front of the stage. Thrusting his violin under his chin, he then signaled the orchestra to proceed. "One string," he exclaimed, "and Paganini!"

Before, he had only been well known. Within a matter of wks, Paganini was world famous.—*Cap-per's Wkly.*

#### The Historian's Pen

The work of the artists, the poets, the sculptors, have kept the story of America's past fresh and alive in our minds and our hearts . . . How well do you know the dates and the battles of the War Between the States? Not as well, probably, as a tune which takes its place in history. As long as Julia Ward Howe's *Battle Hymn of the Republic* is sung, the story of that struggle will not be forgotten. No historian's pen could begin to burn that event into memory of Americans for generations to come half as deeply as do the triumphant chords of the thrilling chorus, "Our flag goes marching on!"

What a forgetful land America might be were it not for its artists. Thru them, grateful generations have passed on to generations unborn the memory of those who built and preserved America. Were it not for the paintings, the music, and the statues, there might be little of patriotism or of the pride which makes us press on to greater things.—*Patriot*, hm, John Hancock Mutual Life Ins Co. 15

#### GOVT—Expenditures—16

According to the budget figures, our Fed'l Gov't expects to spend around \$45 billion for the fiscal yr beginning July 1, '49. Suppos-

ing this amount was in dollar bills and you would count them at the rate of 2 per second for 8 hrs a day, 5 days a wk, 52 wks a yr. According to our arithmetic, it would take over 3,004 yrs!—HAROLD SANDER, *Your Cue to Business*, Indianapolis Business Library.

#### HOUSING—Action—17

It is noted that instead of holding a conf and appointing comm's to relieve the housing shortage, the birds are building nests.—*Grit*.

#### HUMAN NATURE—18

A citizen is a man who demands better roads, bigger schools, a new post office—and lower taxes.—*Omaha World Herald*.

#### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—19

The Ritts Co, Los Angeles, mfr of Tropic-made Furniture, has come firmly to grips with the old problem of getting a detailed report of its salesmen. The firm's pres . . . has designed a report form which asks every question he wants ans'd and lists possible answers, too. At the bottom is a section headed *Personal* . . . I am: well; sick; worried; tired; broke; happy.—*Tide*.

#### LANGUAGE—20

Don't get too flowery. You might go to seed.—*Bendixline*, hm, Bendix Aviation Corp'n.

#### LAUGHTER—21

There are 3 degrees of laughter. The lowest is the laughter of a man who laughs only at his own jokes. Next is the laughter of the man who laughs at the jokes of others. But the highest and finest of all is the laughter of the man who laughs at himself. For this shows the precious ability to look at oneself objectively, and if we can do that, worries have a comforting habit of diminishing in importance.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes, Ross Co.

#### LITERATURE—22

Only those books come down to us which deserve to last . . . They who make up the final verdict upon every book are not the partial and noisy readers of the hr when it appears; but a court as of angels, a public not to be bribed, not to be entreated, and not to be overawed, decides upon every man's title to fame . . . There are not in the world at any one time more than a doz persons who

read and understand Plato—never enough to pay for an edition of his works; yet to every generation these come duly down, for the sake of those few persons.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON,\* "Spiritual Laws."



May 21-28—Nat'l Foot Health Wk  
22-28—Merchant Marine Book Wk  
22-28—World Trade Wk

May 22  
1813—b Richard Wagner, German composer  
1949—Rural Life Sunday  
1949—Nat'l Maritime Day

May 23  
1701—d Capt Wm Kidd, Scottish pirate  
1707—b Carl von Linnæus, Swedish botanist, writer  
1788—S C ratified U S Constitution  
1868—d "Kit" Carson, American frontiersman, scout  
1906—d Hendrik Ibsen, Norwegian poet, dramatist  
1937—d John D Rockefeller, Sr, American capitalist, philanthropist

May 24  
1543—d Nicolaus Copernicus, Polish astronomer  
1819—b Queen Victoria, British ruler  
1844—1st public demonstration of telegraph  
1850—b Henry W Grady, American journalist, orator  
1857—b Richard Mansfield, American actor  
1870—b Jan Christian Smuts, S African-British lawyer, diplomat  
1878—b Harry Emerson Fosdick, American clergyman, author  
1879—d Wm Lloyd Garrison, American abolitionist, journalist

May 25  
1482—Euclid's "Elementa Geometrica," 1st book to contain mathematical figures, printed by Ratdolt  
1803—b Ralph Waldo Emerson, American poet, essayist  
1865—b John R Mott, American missionary-statesman, noted for work in Y M C A

May 26  
1703—d Sam'l Pepys, English diarist  
1799—b Alexander Pushkin, Russian poet, author

May 27  
1564—d John Calvin, French-Swiss religious reformer  
1819—b Julia Ward Howe, American social reformer, author of "Battle Hymn of the Republic"  
1840—d Nicola Paganini, Italian composer, violin virtuoso  
1878—b Isadora Duncan, American dance pioneer  
1937—Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, opened

May 28  
1807—b Jean L Agassiz, Swiss-born American zoologist, geologist  
1843—d Noah Webster, American lexicographer  
1884—b Eduard Benes, Czechoslovakian statesman  
1910—d Rob't Koch, German physician, bacteriologist  
1940—Evacuation of Dunkirk began  
\*Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.



**AUTOMOBILES:** 1st German "baby" car to be built since war is \$720 2-seater with air-cooled 250 cubic centimetre engine in rear; gasoline consumption said to be 80 mi's to gal. Maximum speed: 38 mi's an hr. (Reuters)

**DENTAL AIDS:** Neoprene dental aid has been used in straightening children's teeth. Worn only at night, rubber-like mouthpiece exerts corrective pressure to bring teeth into proper alignment, reducing time of wearing braces. (DuPont Mag, hm, E I du Pont de Nemours & Co)

**HORTICULTURE:** Stake which carries chemical repellent keeps animals away from shrubs, gardens. Protects area 6 ft in diameter. Odor is inoffensive to humans. (Parade)

**PAINT:** Sprayon, Inc, of Cleveland, has introduced paint which can be sprayed directly from container, enabling housewife to do professional job without mixing or brushes. (Newsweek)

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Leather-finished turret 8-mm camera that allows fade-in and fade-out of scene in professional manner is designed for amateur use. Features 6 speeds instead of 4. Possibilities said to range from slow-motion tricks to split-sec fast shots. "Guide-o-matic" exposure calculator located on side of camera avoids film waste. (Financial Post, Canada)

**TEXTILES:** Science has found new use for corn. Textile fiber known as "vicara," made from protein derived from corn, is exceptionally soft and warm, and has considerable absorbency and tensile strength. Commercial production of mat'l has started at Taftville, Conn. (Chemurgic Digest)

#### MANNERS—23

An escaped lunatic in N Y recently was captured while he was giving a lady his seat on the subway.—*Gas Flame*, hm, Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

#### MIND—24

Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—*G-E News*, hm, Gen'l Electric Co.

#### PEACE—25

There is a growing feeling that peace will be preserved. After all, think how little of it we're using.—*Punch*. (London)

#### PRAYER—26

If a care is too small to prompt a prayer, it is much too small to be a burden.—*Employment Counselor*, hm, Employment Counselors Association.

#### PREPAREDNESS—27

A Chicago paper had an ad for a ranch in N Mex. Among other attractions featured, the ad said there was a natural stone cave which would be an admirable place to hide in case of atomic warfare.—*Dr JOHN MOSELEY*, pres, Univ of Nevada.

#### PROFANITY—28

A small Quaker boy had been spanked. When safely out of the reach of his father, he turned and said the worst words he could think of: "You, you, you, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sunday, you, you!"—*IRVIN C POLEY*, "Quakers and Words," *Word Study*, hm, G & C Merriam Co, 4-'49.

#### PROFESSIONS—Choice—30

When a cross-section of the nation's adults were asked what is the best profession for a young man to go into today, they singled out medicine and engineering as the top 2 to recommend. Lawyer, teacher and clergyman rank about in the middle of the list. Banker, dentist and veterinarian bring up the rear. The poll was not intended as a survey of actual job opportunities, but was conducted to see what professions rank highest or seem most desirable in the public mind for a young man to enter.—*GEO GALLUP*, director, American Inst of Public Opinion.

#### PSYCHIATRY—31

When the small boy asked his father for a definition of psychiatry, the father repl'd sagely: "Well, it seems that it's ordinary advice dressed in a black coat and striped trousers."—*Tit-Bits*. (London)

#### RADIO—and Television—32

Sir Cedric Hardwicke said the other day that television and radio were worse than the atomic bomb. "It is better to be killed in an explosion," the British actor remarked dolorously, "than to have the human mind gradually deteriorating in the home."—*JOHN CROSBY*, *N Y Herald Tribune Syndicate*.

#### SCIENCE—Education—33

The teaching of any science, for purposes of liberal education, without linking it with social progress and teaching its social significance, is a crime against the student mind. It is like teaching a child

#### "The Nameless Dead"

We only know they fought and died, and o'er their graves the wind has sighed, for many a long, slow-footed yr; and winter's snow has drifted here; and in the dawning warmth of spring the joyous birds came here to sing; we only know that rest is sweet to weary hearts and tolling feet, and they who sleep beneath the sod gave all they had to give to God. And in the radiance of the throne, their names are known—their names are known! We know not from what homes they came;

we can but guess their dreams of fame; but lamps for them did vainly burn, and mothers waited their ret'n, and listened, at some cottage door, for steps that sounded never more; and loving eyes grew dim with tears, and hearts grew old with grief of yrs. And here they sleep, as they have slept, since legions o'er the country swept; where mothers wait before the throne, their names are known—their names are known!—*WALT MASON*, quoted in *Times-Picayune New Orleans States*. 29



how to pronounce words but not what they mean.—VERNON CARTER, "Conversation—or Else!" *Clearing House*, 3-49.

#### SIN—Viewpoint—34

Recently a non-Catholic who is thinking seriously of the Church asked a convert, "Did becoming a Catholic stop your sinning?"

"No," she repl'd, "but it complicated it considerably."—DAN'L A LORD, *Catholic Opinion*. (Kingston, Jamaica)

#### Code of Statues

An American custom of which many people are unaware is a nat'l code which applies to memorial statues of mounted gen'ls.

If the horse is rearing, the gen'l has met his death in action.

If a single foot is poised in the air, the rider was wounded in action.

If 4 feet remain on the ground, the rider went unscathed.—*Current History*. 35

#### SOCIALISM—36

Today (in England) it is safer to be a bureaucrat than a maker, and the young men know it. Socialism is competition without prizes, boredom without hope, war without victory, and statistics without end.—London (England) *Sunday Times*.

#### SOCIALIZED MEDICINE—37

In its simplest form, group medicine is where 35 kind relatives and thoughtful friends pitch in with a cure apiece for your cold.—*Oma-ha World Herald*.

#### SUCCESS—38

To a young man learning to perform on the flying trapeze a veteran circus performer once said: "Throw your heart over the bars and your body will follow." In every field of endeavor those who put their hearts in their work are the real leaders . . . Falling in love with one's job is the secret of success.—*Frat*.

#### TALENT—Hidden—39

A school exhibit opened in London displayed reports on two 18-yr-old schoolboys from teachers at St Paul's school.

The 1st report, dated 1891, said the student "was not on the same plane as the rest. Composition mostly futile."

The 2nd, dated 1905, said, "He is rather backward for his age, but has made considerable progress."

The 1st report concerned the late world-famed author, G K Chesterton, and the 2nd, Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery.—*B U P*.

#### TELEVISION—40

Operators of television stations concede their losses are running from \$15,000 to \$40,000 a mo.—JOHN S KNIGHT, *Miami Herald*.

#### THRIFT—41

The foundations on which most successful men build their fortunes are as simple as a copybook maxim. There was, for instance, John D Rockefeller,\* reputed to have been the richest man in the nation. The biggest word in his vocabulary was "thrift" and it was no gesture when in his old age he distributed dimes among his little friends with the suggestion that they be used frugally until they grew into dollars.

This revealed no niggardly spirit in the man, as his millions in generosity otherwise attested, but was good advice to a world so accustomed to spend more than it earns.—*Highways of Happiness*.

#### UNIONS—42

If it's not technological unemployment that labor must fight, then it's zoological . . . In N Y C a union business agent got a non-union window cleaner fired because he used a trained monkey to soap the windows.—*Conf Bd Mgt Record*.

#### VANITY—43

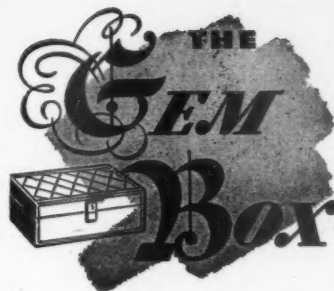
"My learned friend Judge Seabury always wears single-breasted coats," said Jimmy Walker to his valet. "He is a very snappy dresser too, but in a sublime way. Do you know why prof's always wear single-breasted coats?"

"No, sir," said his valet.

"So that the Phi Beta Kappa, key can be plainly seen at all times." — GENE FOWLER, *Beau James: The Life & Times of Jimmy Walker*. (Viking)

#### WAR—44

War is always the fertilizer that makes the soil ready for the seeds of revolution.—Bishop G BROMLEY OXNAM, *Missions*.



#### The Challenge

Until '46 Dr HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK\* was pastor of the Riverside Church in N Y. However, his retirement did not diminish his fame. Celebrating his 71st birthday on May 24th, he is still widely known and admired both as pastor and writer. The following is from the anthology, *Words to Live By*, edited by WM NICHOLS. (Simon & Schuster)

"We cannot make a heaven in our own country and leave a hell outside."—Clement Attlee.

Prime Min Attlee said these words—and they are the pith of the world's problem. Even in public health we cannot have the help of epidemics elsewhere and be safe ourselves. As for war, when the flood breaks loose no isolation can keep any great nation out, with atomic ruin stopping at its peaceful border. If we have peace now it must be world peace; if we have economic security in one hemisphere, economic chaos must not ravage the other.

Like it or not, we are mbrs one of another; mankind is no longer pigeonholed in isolated compartments. We live in one world now, headed together for heaven or hell on earth.

#### WORK—Progress—45

Americans have achieved a 5-fold increase in physical output in less than a century, cut their average work wk from 70 to about 40 hrs, and increased their nat'l income 26 times with a working force that has grown only about 8-fold.—*Hartford Courant*.

#### WORLD—Business—46

World production is very close to the pre-war level, all regions included. But world trade\* may be only ¼ of what it was.—*Mag of Wall St*.

## You Can Use

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well, she gave the house-physician a full history of the misery of their lives. Next day he rec'd a letter from her saying: "I forgot to tell you that my husband tried several times to cut his wrist with a razor blade. I enclose a few razor blades for him. I am sorry I could not get more, but they are scarce in the shops here." — *Lancet*, British medical jnl.

*The wags are saying things are so bad in Hollywood, some of the stars will simply have to get along with last yr's divorce.*  
—WALTER WINCHELL, King Features Syndicate.

The 2nd grade teacher was answering questions about different things, when a little girl asked, "Miss Dunlap, do you like teaching school?"

Before she could answer, a sandy-haired boy piped up, "Gee, it's better than *working*, ain't it?"—*Arkansas Methodist*.

#### Waxing the Mustache

A London correspondent informs us that a wax figure of Thos E Dewey, completed before last fall's election, for post-Inauguration exhibition at Mme Tussaud's gallery, has been melted down and remolded as Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.—*New Yorker*.

A Scotsman had to send an urgent telegram, and not wishing to spend more than necessary wrote: "Bruises hurt erased afford erected analysis hurt too infectious dead."

The Scotsman who rec'd it immediately decided it was: "Bruce is hurt. He raced a Ford. He wrecked it and Alice is hurt too. In fact she's dead."—*Great Lakes Bulletin*.

When Alonzo Staggs was one of the country's outstanding football coaches, he kept substitutes on the bench constantly alert by suddenly popping questions at them while a game was in progress. One afternoon he turned to a

fourth-string sub who had played the role of human tackling dummy in practice all season, but had failed to get into a single game, and demanded:

"You, Cartmell—What would you do if we had possession of the ball, 1 min to play, the score nothing-to-nothing, and we had only 4 yds to go for a touchdown?"

"Gee, coach," stammered the substitute. "I'd slide down to the end of the bench, so I could see better." —BENNETT CERF, *Boston Globe*.

A couple were unable to find seats side by side in church. The wife sat in 1 empty place and motioned for her husband to sit in an empty seat in the next row behind her. When the collection plate was being passed she found she had no money; so she held her hand behind her and a coin was dropped into it. Services over, she turned to talk to her husband —and found he had been seated 6 rows back.—*Good Business*.

*Girdles are often necessary for the survival of the fit.*—*Times of Brazil*. (Sao Paulo)

A film star made \$20,000 a wk for many yrs. The studio told him he would have to take a \$200 cut.

"Heavens!" he whined. "I could not do that. What about the new car I bought to-day?"

"To-day?" said the boss. "What happened to the car you bought last wk?"

"Oh, that!" repl'd the star. "The ash-trays are all full."—*Tit-Bits*. (London)

*Russia claims to have more people over 100 yrs of age than any other country. Sure. They're living for the day when Communist dreams come true.*—PETE BAIRD, *Times-Picayune* New Orleans States.

The drastic regulations in effect in Denmark, by which 2% of much production is earmarked for export, are going a bit too far, according to the story of a young Dane who had just become the father of triplets. Exhibiting the

#### "On a bird and a beast . . ."

England, in the throes of a new deal of its own, has been suffering a special brand of gobbledygook; and Sir ERNEST GOWERS has written a book, *Plain Words*, in which he quotes an essay written by a 10-yr-old. He wishes his adult assoc's in gov't could write prose as beautifully simple and clear:

"The bird that I am going to write about is the owl. The owl cannot see at all by day and at night is as blind as a bat.

"I do not know much about the owl, so I will go on to the beast which I am going to choose. It is a cow. The cow is a mammal. It has 6 sides—right, left, an upper, and below. At the back it has a tail on which hangs a brush. With this it sends the flies away so that they do not fall into the milk. The head is for the purpose of growing horns and so that the mouth can be somewhere. The horns are to butt with and the mouth is to moo with. Under the cow hangs the milk. It is arranged for milking. When people milk, the milk comes and there is never an end to the supply. How the cow does it I have not realized, but it makes more and more. The cow has a fine sense of smell; one can smell it far away. This is the reason for the fresh air in the country."

To which DELOS AVERY, writing in *Chicago Tribune Mag of Books*, adds: The head of a human is for the purpose of having eyes and so that the brain can be somewhere.

infants to him, the nurse inquired, "Which one do you want to keep?" —*N Y Times Mag*.

The prisoner, a dinky, explained how it came about that he had been arrested for chicken stealing.

"I didn't hab no trouble wiv de constable ner nobody. It would ab been all right if it hadn't been for the women's love o' dress. My women folks, dey wasn't satisfied jes' to eat mos' all o' dem chickens. Dey had to put de feathers in der hats, an' parade 'em as circumstantial evidence."—*Montreal (Canada) Star*.



# MINING THE MAGAZINES

**Where Do We Go From Here?—**  
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It doesn't require a submarine sonar detector to hear the moaning and groaning of characters all over the country who complain that nowadays they have to work to make a dollar. This tiresome chant reaches zenith crescendo at the Washington wailing wall and is sung mainly by people who face the dismal prospect of earning only twice as much this yr as their highest pre-war ambition . . .

Evolution of a man's ambition: To be a circus clown. To be like dad. To be a fireman. To make All-State. To get wealthy. To make ends meet. To get the old age pension.—*Alexander Animator, hm, Alexander Film Co.*

But in this painful chorus there is an occasional plaint that is more serious. Usually it's an adolescent voice piping the familiar verse that as a land of opportunity the U S is as dead as a dodo. There is no room in this country anymore, goes the refrain, for pioneering and imaginative youth. Everything that can be done is done. All new discoveries are controlled by big corp'ns. At the best the outlook is an unpromising job and, eventually, a pension . . .

The happy fact is that opportunities ahead are—as they always have been—so vast that the imagination has difficulty grasping them . . . The men who made the 1st contribution to the invention of the wheel—that inestimably valuable milestone in man's progress—never saw it completed. But today a similarly progressive step will be started and finished within a lifetime; even within a decade . . .

In one recent wk more was re-

vealed about current airplane speeds than at any time since the war . . . A B-47 jet job cometed across the country at an average of 607 mi's an hr . . . Such speed isn't available to the general traveler yet. But it will be, and soon. What it portends for the future of peace, world trade and man's well-being is anybody's guess.

But aviation—and television and hundreds of other new and old developments—have yet to find a horizon. Not only in aircraft design but even in office procedures, no one knows what is the best way of doing things. Aviation remains one of those exciting pioneering ventures which men of spirit and intellect can tackle in expectation of high adventure.

When some youngster complains that there are no opportunities—that the romance has gone out of business—(tell) him simply to look up into the sky. Until it is full of planes there will be a man's work to do.



### Noteworthy Notes

MARY MURRAY O'BRIEN described in *Boston Globe, 4-24-'49*, the techniques used by various "leaders of thought and public opinion" in the preparation of their speeches. This excerpt is from her col:

When Winston Churchill addressed the M I T Mid-Century Convocation, his mss displayed intermittent spaces between each 2 lines of text so that the entire

page seemed to be composed of stanzas of poetry. Smaller than the usual typing paper, the sheets were held together, British-fashion, by metal cross bars to which were attached lacings run thru punched holes for easy turning . . .

In a recent speech, the mss of Henry Ford II, enclosed in a (loose-leaf) notebook, contained the largest type ever seen in these parts. Standard 8½ by 11-in sheets were liberally sprinkled with pen and ink brackets and underscored for emphasis . . .

Probably no man in public life got more out of speechmaking than did Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It might take as many as 12 drafts from which not more than 1 sentence of the original survived, before the mass of words . . . were sifted into a tight, coherent whole of specified length. Mss for broadcasting were typed on special limp paper to avoid rustling or crackling sounds. He used dashes as visual aids and not too many commas. To Grace Tully, who typed his speeches, he sometimes remarked teasingly, "Grace, how often do I have to tell you not to waste taxpayers' commas!"



